

In the Specifications:

Please replace the paragraph starting on line 12 of page 9 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figure 3 is a block diagram illustrating one embodiment of a snapshot management system 300 of the present invention. The depicted snapshot management system 300 includes a snapshot management module 310, a snapshot execution module 320, a metadata buffer 330, and in selected embodiments, a snapshot programming interface 340. The snapshot management system 300 manages snapshot operations and may be contained on selected controllers, or on each controller within a storage subsystem such as the storage subsystem 140. In the depicted embodiment the snapshot management module 310, the snapshot execution module 320, and the metadata buffer 330 are located in a controller 220, and the snapshot interface module 340 is located in a server 120.

Please replace the paragraph starting on line 1 of page 11 with the following rewritten paragraph:

The depicted command tests, include a create test 410, a delete test 420, an add criteria test 430, a remove criteria test 440, a get set test 450, an initiate snapshot test 460, a terminate snapshot test 470, and a shutdown test 480. The procedures associated with the depicted tests include, respectively, a create set procedure 415, a delete set procedure 425, an add criteria procedure 435, a remove criteria procedure 445, a provide information procedure 455, an initiate snapshot procedure 465, a terminate snapshot procedure 475, and an initiate shutdown procedure 485.

Please replace the paragraph starting on line 8 of page 14 with the following rewritten paragraph:

The redundancy indicator 630 indicates the level of redundancy required for the target volume. In one embodiment, the redundancy levels range from JBOD (no redundancy) to [[to]] RAID level 50. The auto-select target indicator 632 indicates whether the target volume is to be automatically selected or manually specified via the target volume indicator 634 and the target extents indicator 636. The target volume indicator 634 indicates the target volume for the included snapshot operation while the target extents indicator 636 indicates the starting and ending indices of the regions to be used on the target volume.